

Election/Restrictions

1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under

35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-2, the independent claims 1 and 2 are claiming for a method of performing multi-counter evaluation of text. All these claims are drawn to Databases and file management, searching, classified in class 707, subclass 3.
- II. Claims 3-6, the independent claims 3, 5 and 6 are claiming for a method of connecting/disconnecting to/from a routing system, and the other of independent claims 24 and 38 are claiming for system for connecting/disconnecting to/from a routing system and independent claims 25 and 39 are claiming the same concept with a storage medium. All these claims are drawn to Databases and file management, archiving or backup, classified in class 707, subclass 204.

2. The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons: Inventions I-II are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct from each other if they are shown to be separately usable. In the instant application, each of the respective inventions have a separate utility as in a system not having the others. See MPEP ' 806.05(d).

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3. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.
4. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and the search required for Group I is not required for any other group, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.
5. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their recognized divergent subject matter, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.
6. A telephone call was made to Mr. Douglas M. Grover (legal representative of the applicant) on August 19, 2009 to request an oral election to the above restriction requirement, but did not result in an election being made.
7. Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).
8. Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(I).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sathyanarayan Pannala whose telephone number is (571) 272-4115. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 am - 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Charles Rones can be reached on (571) 272-4085. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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